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The Bishop's Weekly Chat With You.

THE CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE AND SOMETHING ELSE

My dear Flock:

You know what a novena is; it is the observance of nine days of prayer in imitation of the Blessed Virgin and the eleven apostles who retired to a secluded place and remained in prayer during the nine days intervening between the ascension of our Lord and Pentecost.

Now, by an Octave we usually understand the full week which follows the observance of an important feast. For instance, we have just closed the Octave of the Epiphany, which the Church began to celebrate on January 6th and continued to celebrate until the same day of the week following, or January 13th.

But the *Church Unity Octave* is not an eight day observance of the same feast. It is rather eight days of prayer, beginning with the feast of St. Peter's Chair on January 18th, and concluding on the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul on January 25th. It owes its origin to a priest who is a convert from Episcopalianism and who, even as a non-Catholic minister, published a magazine whose purpose was to arouse among the clergy and laity of his denomination a movement for corporate union with the Catholic Church. After his conversion he became more zealous in the same direction, and succeeded in leading numerous Catholics to observe the Octave with which this Chat deals. Later he secured Rome's endorsement of the public prayers and thus is winning observance of the Octave.

Today the Holy Father's heart is set on the conversion of Russia and of members of the schismatic churches of the Near East. Following the war, through the Holy Father's efforts, nearly $3,000,000 was spent in relief work in Russia, and he is so convinced that the work should be continued that he has organized a Society which he begs the Catholic Hierarchy to introduce throughout the United States. At his own suggestion, Cardinal Hayes was made Honorary President of the organization, which is called *The Catholic Near East Welfare Association*. The Rev. Edmund A. Walsh, S. J., who was the Pope's agent for the distribution of the aid in Russia, has been elected Acting President of this association.

The Holy Father would like to have 1,000,000 American people become members of the association, whose dues are $1.00 the year. Since there are some 5,000,000 Catholic families in the United States, if some one in every fifth family became a member, the Holy Father's aim would be realized.

The American Bishops, at their meeting in Washington last September endorsed the organization, and they are anxious that on February 12th, 1927, the fifth anniversary of his election as pope, the sum of $1,000,000, accruing from 1,000,000 memberships in the association, be presented to the Holy Father. The names of all those who contributed would be inscribed in special books and presented to Pope Pius XI as Catholic America's first response to his wish for worldwide Catholic action.

However since it is ***too late*** to organize a branch of the Near East organization before January 23, I shall ask you, in conjunction with many Bishops, to give an offering in the collection taken up in your parish church next Sunday.

At this time the Jews are campaigning for $50,000,000 to assist their own needy brethren in the same territory, and six Protestant colleges of the Near East are driving for $2,000,000 for their own purposes.

Now, it is a beautiful thing to combine both prayer and alms. Hence, let every Catholic say at least the Propagation of the Faith prayers which consist in one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the invocation "St. Francis Xavier, pray for us," for the return to Rome of all schismatic religions, and then let us by our alms show that there is no ill-will in Catholic hearts towards those who, through no fault of their own, are outside the Catholic fold in those countries to which early Catholic missionaries brought the true faith.

If you wish to join the Catholic Near East Welfare Association do not wait to be canvassed, because quick action will be necessary in order to gladden the Holy Father's heart on the fifth anniversary of his election. This association offers many spiritual blessings to its members.

+ John Francis Noll
Bp. of Ft. Wayne

Klan Anti-Catholic Bills In Indiana Are Doomed To Defeat

Indianapolis.—Despite avowed determination of the Indiana Ku Klux Klan, through its "influence" in the State Legislature, to have enacted into law four pronounced anti-Catholic measures during the present session, it is freely predicted here that the efforts of the organization will prove as futile as last year when a similar movement was attempted.

With James J. Nedji, of Lake County, elected president of the Senate, and Harry G. Leslie, of Tippecanoe County, reelected Speaker of the House of Representatives, both pronounced anti-Klan leaders, those familiar with the situation are positive that there is no chance for Klan legislation in Indiana.

Simultaneously with preparations of the Indiana lawmakers to convene here last Thursday, the legislative program of the hooded order was broadcast. In their announcement it was claimed that twenty-seven members of the legislature attended the caucus, when, as a matter of fact, only eleven were present.

According to its program, the Klan at this session will concentrate its efforts on four pieces of legislation. The bills the Klan will support are:

One providing for compulsory reading of the Bible in public schools;

An anti-parochial School Bill, aimed at sectarian schools:

A teacher's garb bill, prohibiting wearing of any garb or uniform by teachers in public schools. This bill is aimed at nuns, who in a few counties of the State in strictly Catholic communities are teaching in public schools.

A bill prohibiting adults from entering into a contract to sign away religious rights of an unborn child. This bill is aimed at an agreement between Catholics and non-Catholics who wed under the agreement that children shall be reared as Catholics.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA SPONSOR "IN THE SERVICE OF THE QUEEN"— PLAN SUPPORT OF CATECHISTS

Deeply interested in the Society of Missionary Catechists, Lady of Victory Circle, Daughters of Isabella, of Fort Wayne, is sponsoring the photoplay, "In the Service of the Queen," recently produced by Ronald P. Fahey, of Chicago. Under their auspices this film, compared favorably to the famous "White Sister" by Chicago critics, will be shown at St. Peter's today, January 16, St. Patrick's Lyceum, on Monday, January 17, at St. Mary's, January 18, and at Library Hall, January 19.

It is anticipated that the film will be exhibited under the auspices of practically every circle of the Daughters of Isabella in the State of Indiana.

Devoted to the cause of Charity, Mrs. Marie Klotz, State Regent, and her zealous co-workers, are very sanguine in their hope that at the conference to be held at Anderson on January 21 and 22, definite measures will be adopted for the state-wide support of the Missionary Catechists by all D. of I. Circles. Should her plans meet with success, the Daughters of Isabella will have the enviable privilege of being the first large organization to respond to the invitation extended by the Society to assist its members in their self-sacrificing labors in the destitute missions of the Southwest. The opportunity thus offered to them to concentrate their charitable efforts upon one big missionary and charitable work by assisting the Society of Missionary Catechists is one that has seldom been offered to any Catholic organization. In sponsoring this work they will take the most effective steps for counteracting the proselytizing efforts of powerfully financed Protestant home missionary societies among the Spanish-speaking peoples of this country. Co-operating with the Missionary Catechists in their zealous labors to remedy the deplorable social conditions existing among the Spanish-speaking Catholics in our midst, they will assist in the salvation of innumerable souls for God and Church.

Worthy of particular mention is the fact that the Huntington Circle has been contributing toward the support of a Catechist for the past year.

Other Indiana engagements for "In the Service of the Queen" are: St. Mary's auditorium, Anderson, January 21 and 22, and St. Joseph's auditorium, South Bend, January 30.

RENEWAL NOTICE.

As the DIOCESAN SUBSCRIPTION plates are grouped in parishes, **kindly mention your parish church**, as well as your complete address, when renewing your subscription.

PASTORS ATTENTION!

If you have not yet returned to the Chancery the Census Form sent to you by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, kindly attend to it as soon as possible, because the report must be in Washington before the end of this month.

I trust that by this time the people of all parishes have renewed their subscriptions to OUR SUNDAY VISITOR. In case your parishioners have not, I beg of you not to let them postpone it any longer. Even the best-intentioned people forget, and they must be approached in a different way than by mere pulpit announcements.

The Catholic Hierarchy has been requested by the Holy Father himself to organize in the United States a permanent Near East Relief Society, in which Cardinal Hayes, the Chairman of the Organization, would like to enroll 1,000,000 members who will pay $1.00 annually.

However, since this organization is to be launched January 23d, and the money collected immediately in order that the same might be presented to the Holy Father on February 12th, the fifth anniversary of his coronation, most Bishops have decided to order a collection taken up in their churches this year in lieu of memberships.

You are acquainted with my attitude towards new collections, and, therefore, you are herewith requested to announce the collection on Sunday, January 16th, and you are authorized to deduct from the same an amount equal to your average parish collection before sending the same to the Chancery.

Kindly send the collection to the Chancery on Monday, January 24th, so that we may forward it to New York in time to be added to the Holy Father's present, to be used to promote works so near to his heart, the reunion of the schismatic churches with Rome.

In this connection, permit me to thank you and your people for the very generous Christmas collection, which gives promise to be considerably greater than any collection ever taken up in the Diocese of Fort Wayne.

Wishing you all that is best, I am

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+ John Francis Noll
Bp. of Ft. Wayne

P. S. Since the above was written, I have learned that envelopes and literature for enrollment of members in the new society have been sent to each pastor. Hence I hereby authorize the pastors to receive the offering of one dollar from those who wish to join the new society, or to take up a collection in the manner outlined above. The envelopes bearing the Pope's seal may be used for the collection, and the names of those who contribute a dollar or more forwarded to the Chancery, together with the amount of the special collection.

NEWEST MEMBERS OF SACRED COLLEGE

HEAD OF HISTORIC SEE. Cardinal Gamba was for several years Bishop of Novarlo and since 1923 has been Archbishop of Turin. (International Newsreel)

TAUGHT AMERICAN PRIESTS. Cardinal Lauri, when professor at Urban College, had students from the United States, some of whom became Bishops. (International Newsreel)

Near East Society To Be Organized On Next Sunday

ENROLLMENT OF MEMBERS IN MANY DIOCESES—COLLECTIONS IN OTHERS.

Funds to Be Presented to Pope On Anniversary of His Election—Books of Enrollment, With Names of All Members, to Be Given Holy Father Later—All Funds Transferred Through Bishops.

Pastors of eighty-one dioceses in which the new Pontifical Society for Russia and the Near East is to be launched on next Sunday, January 23, have received packets of envelopes bearing the Pope's seal, and literature for distribution among their people.

According to an announcement of the Rev. Edmund A. Walsh, S. J., President by pontifical appointment of the new society, the pastors are requested to have their people return these envelopes with the membership fee of one dollar; the pastors will hasten to forward the amount collected from memberships to their respective bishops, who will forward it to the general headquarters of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, 480 Lexington Ave., New York City. The total amount accruing from memberships and collections will then be sent to the Holy Father, and a brief general report made to him by cable on the anniversary of his election, February 12, 1927.

Officials of the new society are emphatic in urging that the list of names of members be drawn up by the clergy of each parish, since they alone will be able to recognize and decipher many of the names. This list is to be sent to the diocesan chancery, which, when all the parishes have reported, will forward the names to be inscribed in a permanent Roll Call, and presented to the Holy Father.

In many dioceses the Bishops have decided that a collection shall be made in all the churches, in place of a membership campaign this year. In our own diocese the Msgr. Noll has left this matter to the judgment of the individual pastors. The method of collection is outlined elsewhere on this page.

CALLES ARRESTS SIX BISHOPS; ONE EXILED

Reports from Mexico City state that Bishop Pascual Diaz of Tobasco was arrested in the Episcopal palace by Mexican police, and the latest bulletins carry the news that he has been ordered deported. Bishop Diaz is the secretary of the Mexican Catholic Hierarchy and at the time of his arrest was in the company of five other Bishops. All six were taken to police headquarters and Bishop Diaz later removed to an unknown place where up to the present time he has been held without permission to communicate with his friends. The Mexican police who effected the arrest remained within the building and arrested all who attempted to call during the entire day. Included in the latter were a number of prominent laymen. Unconfirmed rumors state that the arrest and deportation of Bishop Diaz and the jailing of other members of the Hierarchy is connected with reported revolt of Rene Capistran Garza, president of the League for the Defense of Religious Liberty, who is said to have crossed the border at the head of a revolutionary group. Since, however, the attitude of the Catholic Hierarchy has consistently opposed armed opposition to the Calles persecution, the rumors of an actual connection between the Bishops' activities and the armed revolt which is progressing in Mexico, are discounted in well-informed circles. Even American correspondents, representatives of the Associated Press and the United Press, were arrested by Calles police and later released, upon representations by the American Embassy.

The unexpected firm attitude of President Coolidge in the Nicaraguan situation, together with the fact that his government is menaced by internal revolution, has, it is said, produced a softening effect upon President Calles of Mexico, and although he has issued no statement on the religious situation, it is said that he has offered to arbitrate the oil and land seizure laws. Evidence is said to have come to the attention of the United States Government indicating Calles' intention to unite Central and Southern American Republics against the United States.

Victory-Noll in the Movies

The annual "holiday visit" of Msgr. Noll, the Rev. Associate Editors, and the entire force of Our Sunday Visitor was this year an event of unusual importance. Theirs was the pleasure of witnessing the first showing in the Diocese of the new photoplay of The Missionary Catechists — "IN THE SERVICE OF THE QUEEN." The premier exhibition of this epoch-making film took place in Chicago last month. It was pronounced by all who saw it as a photoplay superior in many respects even to the famous "White Sister."

It depicts the struggles of an American Catholic girl to realize her ideal of service. The fascinating story with its many thrills, its deep pathos and effervescent humor, has as its setting the scenic beauty of the great Southwest, the quaint customs of its Spanish-speaking people and the charitable and missionary labors of the Catechists among them.

SON OF CONVERT A PRIEST. Rev. Griswold A. Whipple, whose ancestors were members of noted American Protestant families and several of them Episcopal ministers and bishops, was ordained at Albuquerque, New Mexico, a few days ago.

MOVE OF PROTESTANT GROUPS FOR UNITY OF FAITH PLEASES CATHOLICS, OSSERVATORE SAYS

Semi-Official Paper of Vatican Comments On World Conference To Be Held Next August.

ANGLICANS CRITICIZE THE EFFORT

Good Will of Promoters of Undertaking Recognized In Roman Circles, It Is Declared.

Rome.—While Anglo-Catholic and certain Protestant denominations are voicing sharp criticisms of the World Conference of Faith and Order which will convene in Lausanne August 3 to 21, 1927, at the call of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, and predicting that it will be "ephemeral, deceptive and even disastrous," Catholic ecclesiastical authorities here announce that they view with pleasure these Protestant meetings as a manifestation of the desire for unity, and that among the prayers offered for the success of this cause "those of Rome will be the sincerest, the warmest and the most confident."

This announcement is in striking contrast to the prediction made by one of the leading Anglican reviews that the conference "will be boycotted, and rightly so, by the Church of Rome." As a matter of fact, the conference has aroused great interest in Catholic circles and has been made the subject of extensive comment in the *Osservatore Romano*.

Eighty-seven religious groups already have responded to the invitation to the Conference, which will be limited to 500 delegates, who will examine together the minimum program of doctrinal unity proposed for discussion. The discussions, it is announced, will not take the form of religious controversy, but are to represent a striving for mutual understanding, and the conclusions will be formulated into recommendations to be submitted to the respective groups for further study.

Results Held Doubtful.

After outlining the program of the conference, the *Osservatore* in its comment says, in part:

"If the impressions and comments which the mere announcement of the conference has aroused in the Protestant world are to be considered in forecasting its outcome, the result will not be particularly happy. The Anglo-Catholics, indeed, do not view it with a friendly eye. They criticize particularly the adhesion given by the Anglicans and Oriental Schismatics to a meeting of Protestants. The latter deny the majority of the rites and dogmas held in honor by Anglicans and Orientals alike. How then, asks an authoritative Anglo-Catholic review, can they agree on questions of faith and the sacraments? 'The Stockholm Conference,' the review continues, 'was called ecumenical, but it was not ecumenical. The Lausanne Conference is called a World Conference, but it will not be such. More than half of the Christians in the world will not be represented. Even the deplorable adhesion of a few Anglo-Catholics can not change illusion into reality and will not make the conference anything but an ephemenal, deceptive and, perhaps, disastrous attempt. The World Conference on Faith and Order, which, certainly, and with reason, will be boycotted by the Church of Rome, will afford a selected group of ecclesiastics from various nations an opportunity to pass a pleasant week in Switzerland, but it will have no lasting value and can but augment confusion and emphasize more clearly than ever the abnormal position of the Anglican Church.'"

Conference Proves Division.

Declaring that "any comment" on these words is "superfluous," the *Osservatore* points out that "they show the incurable spirit of division which has afflicted those who have drifted away from Rome ever since the branches were broken off the age-old tree of the Catholic Church.

"For our part," the paper continues, "as students and calm observers of religious phenomena, we are pleased to see in these meetings of the Protestant and Schismatic world the need, the tortured desire, for unity. We are disposed to admit the good will of those promoting it. But at the same time we are convinced that if they are sincere in seeking unity, they will find it only there where it is. Let them dig deep into the sub-soil of their traditions; at a certain point they will feel the tremor of an ancient current, vigorous, warm—the current of Rome. The great and ancient Mother—the Church of Peter and of Paul—stands in the land of the Romans, splendid in faith and the lawgiver of charity, just as it appeared in the supreme vision to the great Shepherd of the East who came to die on this soil to the end that his testimony to the one faith might be more clear and more precious.

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS.

"We are sure of knowing and understanding its great thoughts and its sentiments when we say that it feels for its erring children an infinite compassion: a compassion made up of maternal solicitude, nourished by centuries of history and expressed in its magnificent liturgy in which the memory of the separated brethren is ever mingled with a deep and pious sense of mercy and confident waiting. And it is particularly during the present days, when agitations and disillusionments cause the world to seek ever more anxiously for an *ubi consistam*, and when the ranks of the dissidents are moved by uncertain desires for union, that the generous Mother is moved by still greater thought and affection for them, adding to her solemn supplications a new note of high faith and heartfelt desire.

A New Church to Be Dedicated at Indiana Harbor

The last of this month will see the new church at Indiana Harbor ready for dedication. It is being erected to meet the special and pressing needs of the Mexicans there. The following letter, from one of the Catechists of Our Blessed Lady of Victory, is instructive:

Junior Mission House,
Gary, Indiana.

Dear Father:

Yesterday Catechist LoRang and I went to Indiana Harbor, where we called on Father Zavatta and visited a number of Mexican homes. Our hearts were deeply touched when we learned that both Baptist and Presbyterian missionaries are offering Mexican children prizes to draw them to their meeting houses. They even go around in their cars to get them.

One of the Mexican women we called upon wept for joy when she saw us. She was so happy, she said, to find some one with whom she could speak her own language. One mother gravely informed us that the children in Indiana Harbor are without any religious instruction and are growing up without any Christian training.

Father Zavatta is most anxious to have our Catechists. He offers to turn over to us the house he is now using for a residence when he can build his new parish residence.

We saw the church now being built by the Mexicans. It will be ready for dedication the last Sunday of the month. We would love to go and give the children instruction, if it were only once a week. We were urged to do this upon learning about the pernicious influence the Protestant proselytizers are exerting over the poor people here.

Father Zavatta says there are about 6,000 Mexicans in Indiana Harbor, and at least 600 families. There are, therefore, many children to be instructed.

Sincerely yours in O. B. L. V.,
CATECHIST OLBERDING.

GOLDSTEIN ADDRESSES 600

The noted lecturer, David Goldstein, spoke to an audience of over 600 in the auditorium of the Gary-Aldering Settlement House on the Mexican persecution. Needless to say his lecture was scholarly and convincing.

Nearly One Hundred Years Ago---

The Right Rev. Julian Benoit, pioneer priest of Fort Wayne, whose memory is held in benediction by thousands of Indiana Catholics, came to this diocese. Through the courtesy of the Right Reverend Bishop we are privileged to present a fascinating biographical sketch of this distinguished churchman. The first section, with a foreword by Msgr. Noll, will appear in an early issue.

Mexican Treasury Discloses Shortage of 25,000,000 Pesos

Mexico City—The anditing of the accounts of the Republic of Mexico just concluded, reveals a shortage of 25,000,000 pesos.

The Government, feeling that some explanation is necessary, blames the large shortage on disbursements which, it says, were made necessary by the De La Huerta revolution.

It is expected that the Chamber of Deputies will pass a bill authorizing these disbursements, since it is wholly in the power of Calles.

Meantime, a glimpse of the once busy night life of Mexico City, which reflected prosperity throughout the country and meant income to both business and the Government, might more adequately explain the shortage. Mexico City at night now has the aspect of a small provincial town. Theaters and stores are closed for lack of trade and because of high taxes, and the people go out very little. One of the cafes to close its doors most recently was one largely frequented by Americans. A few gambling houses patronized largely by Government employes, are the chief places open evenings in the city.

10,000 Lose Jobs When Subsidy Fails

Hermosillo, Mexico.—Consternation has been caused by the announcement that the Southern Pacific has suspended work on the construction of its branch line between Guadalajara and Tepic, two large Mexican cities. The suspension throws 10,000 men out of work.

To the Mexicans the road's decision came with startling suddenness, although a knowledge of the financial circumstances might have forewarned them.

The reason for the suspension is that the Calles Government has been forced, because of lack of money, to suspend the subsidy it had been providing. The Government, in turn, blames its lack of money on heavy expenditures it says it has had to make in the Yaqui campaign, and on the necessity of recruiting many more soldiers.

On the other hand, the stockholders of the railway are unwilling to put more money into the construction because of the uprisings, lawlessness and generally unsettled conditions in Mexico. Meantime, the Yaquis seem to keep the large force of Mexican Federals operating against them busy playing hide-and-seek, with no damage to the Indians.

The Southern Pacific's suspension of its project spells disaster to thousands of Mexican workmen, who had counted on it as a means of earning money to live. One town of 8,000 was almost wholly dependent upon the work the project furnished.

Lourdes Wins Pulpit Praise from Unitarian

Oakland, Calif.—The Rev. Clarence Reed, pastor of the First Unitarian Church of this city, in his sermon recently discussed sympathetically the famous Catholic shrine at Lourdes, and described the devotions there as a great factor in the religious life of France and Europe.

Dr. Reed spoke of the cures that have been reported from Lourdes since the grotto was made famous seventy-five years ago by the appearance of the Blessed Virgin to Bernadette Soubirous, a peasant girl who was beatified last year.

"What was the purpose that caused me, a Unitarian minister, to go on a pilgrimage to Lourdes?" Dr. Reed asked. "I desired to know the reason why one million Europeans and Americans annually make that pilgrimage. What is Lourdes? Zola went to Lourdes in order to expose it as a fraud. He wrote a book against it. It still endures. My opinion is that Lourdes is one of the great factors in the religious life of France and Europe at the present time. It may be called a radio-active force in the life of the Roman Catholic Church.

"Imagine a procession of 60,000 people, each one carrying a candle, marching and singing in spiritual exaltation. They halt for a minute. The priest says a few prayers.

"Lord have mercy on us.
"Lord, make me see.
"Lord, make me hear.
"Lord make me walk.

"Then the 'Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria' which they sing with great devotion and enthusiasm.

"If a person accepts the literal interpretation of the Bible, it is natural for him to believe in the possibility of prayer and faith cures. If Christ and the Apostles performed healing miracles, there is no reason why truly devout Christian people may not perform cures today."

The political condition of the eastern and southern shores of the Mediterranean has for some time been such as to allow of the existence of flourishing communities in many places where formerly Musselman bigotry would have rendered it impossible. These countries are no longer "partes infidelium," in the full sense of the words. His Holiness Pope Leo XIII substituted the phrase "Titular Bishop" for "Bishop in Partibus Infidelium."

Blood to Sick Poor Is Yule Gift of 307 St. Louis U. Students

St. Louis.—On the eve of Christmas, 307 students of the Dental and Medical schools of St. Louis University, signed a pledge to donate a pint of blood each for transfusion, when desired, in the cases of free patients at the City Hospital and at the hospitals that are associated with the University, St. Mary's Hospital, St. Mary's Infirmary, Mt. St. Rose Sanitorium, St. Anthony's Hospital, St. John's and Alexian Brothers' Hospitals. The pledges are the students' Christmas gifts to the sick poor.

Members of Y. M. I. And Y. L. I. Pilgrims To Hawaii Next May

San Francisco—Officers of the board of management of the Young Men's Institute in San Francisco have accepted the invitation of the Rt. Rev. Stephen P. Alemeastre, pastor of the Cathedral in Honolulu, to make a pilgrimage next May to the Hawaiian Islands, to take part in the ceremonies commemorating the centennial of the arrival of Catholic missionaries in Honolulu in 1827.

Oblate Seminarians Sing Mass in Crypt On Christmas Day

Washington—The musical program by the choir of 60 Oblate seminarians at the services held in the crypt of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception here Christmas Day proved so popular that the Rev. Dr. Bernard A. McKenna, director of the Shrine, decided, in the face of many requests, to repeat it the following day.

Feasts of Devotion is a term used to denote feasts which were once holidays of obligation, but are so no longer, the precept of hearing Mass and resting from servile works having been annulled by the Holy See and the special observance of the feasts in question having been left to the devotion of the faithful.

Prince of Wales Hunts On Catholic School Grounds—Nearly Falls

London.—The Prince of Wales and the Duke of York were cheered by the boys of Ratcliffe College, conducted by the Fathers of Charity, as they hunted with the Quorn over the college grounds a few days ago. The whole hunt passed along the college terrace and the Prince was loudly cheered by the masters and boys who had assembled to greet them. Whilst acknowledging the cheers, the Prince had great difficulty in controlling his spirited hunter.

Manger Adorned Christmas Tree At White House

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge's belief in, and respect for, Jesus Christ was plainly evidenced by the simple, but beautiful scene of the Christ Child in the Manger, realistically arranged at the base of the tallest of three Christmas trees that graced the famous Blue Room of the White House during the holidays.

Soul of Man Must Survive, Says Scientist

Philadelphia.—Heber D. Curtis, director of the Allegheny Observatory, speaking yesterday before the American Astronomical Society, meeting in conjunction with the American Association for the Advancement of Science, declared that man's soul must live after death.

Coming as it does in the midst of much talk about differences between science and religion, this assertion is destined to attract widespread attention, and, already, has been taken in some quarters to be a challenge to scientists.

Director Curtis told the astronomers that it would be strange if man were the only manifestation in the universe to be annihilated at the end of 70 years, while matter, energy, space and time are continuous.

"This thing, soul, mind, spirit," he said, "cannot well be an exception. In some way, as yet impossible to define, it too must possess continuity. The concept is old, but the conclusion is inevitable."

The lecture developed one theme of continuity throughout the abyss of stars and worlds. Turning from the systems of stars and giant nebulas in space he treated of the inner universe, he atom. He said that many thinkers have been attracted to the possibility that there is a dynamic and structural continuity between these two universes, between which man stands exploring his way.

Such thinkers, he went on, have been generally astronomers unacquainted with physics, physicists unacquainted with astronomy, or philosophers unacquainted with either.

"There seems at present," he said, "to be a gap between the outer universe and that of the atom. Personally I am ready to admit another gap between the world of matter and that of spirit, with energy, matter, space and time continuing, with nothing lost. Are we ourselves the only manifestation that comes to an end, stops, ceases, is annihilated at threescore years and ten?

"What we crudely call 'spirit' of man makes new compounds, plays with the laws of chemical action, guides the forces of the atom, changes the face of the earth, gives life to new forms; a creative spirit which reasonably cannot cease to be."

Cardinal Mundelein's Picture In Gallery

Chicago—After considerable delay, the portrait of His Eminence Cardinal Mundelein, by Ernest Windhoff, the great German portrait painter, was hung in the Art Institute here today.

The painting has been acclaimed by critics. It will be hung eventually at St. Mary's of the Lake.

"Rubrics" refers to the directions for the order to be followed in Mass and other sacred rites. The word is taken from the Roman law, in which the titles, maxims and principal decisions were written in red.

STATUE OF MARY FOR AUTOMOBILE. Rt. Rev. Thomas Henshaw, Bishop of Salford, England, recently had this figure of Our Lady of Lourdes mounted on his motor car. The statue is about 18 inches tall. (Wide World)

Nearly 500 Bishops Ask Church Unity Prayers Be Decreed

Graymoor, N. Y.—Nearly 500 bishops in various parts of the world have thus far signed the petition asking the Pope to impose as an obligation on the Universal Church the recital of the prayers of the Church Unity Octave at every Mass and every Benediction celebrated throughout Christendom in every convent and monastery, beginning on the feast of the Chair of St. Peter at Rome, January 18, and ending on the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, (January 25). This information is supplied by the Friars of the Atonement here.

Beatification is the act of declaring a person or persons deceased, whose virtues have been proved by sufficient testimony, and whose power with God has been demonstrated by miracles, to be among the number of the blessed.

Calles Soon to Get Report of Church's Property In Mexico

Mexico City—The office of the Attorney General states that a full report will be made shortly to President Calles containing an inventory of the treasure and properties of the Catholic Church which agents have been completing throughout the country.

It is estimated that the objects covered by this inventory will have an aggregate value of fifteen million pesos. All these objects will be left in charge of the neighborhood committees and will be subject to the orders of the agents of the Attorney General.

The order of the "Religious Servants of the Holy Virgin," commonly called the Servites, was founded in 1233 by seven Florentine merchants, whose names were Monaldi, Manetti, Amidei, Lantella, Uguccioni, Sostegni and Falconieri. Alexis Falconieri lived to be 110 years old.

Current Catholic Events

—Great interest is aroused in England over the establishment in the United States of the recently-created chapter of the Knights of Malta.

—Three of the Lutheran State Churches, following a recent proposal to adopt the term "Bishop," have officially given their sanction to the plan.

—Following the closing of the Consiliar Seminary at Durango, Mexico, the priests who formed the faculty of the institution were summarily arrested by order from the Government at Mexico City.

—Statistics gathered by the Bureau of Education of the National Catholic Welfare Council show that Catholic Colleges and Universities of the United States have increased their enrollment by 13,505 students in the two-year period between 1924-1926.

—German Catholics have petitioned their government to curb the stream of immorality and filth which is threatening to engulf the German State, according to messages from Cologne.

—The residence of the late James J. Hill, railroad builder, of St. Paul, Minn., is to become a Normal School for Sisters.

—The Archbishop of Liverpool, England, is in favor of having women police.

—"What are you doing with a balance in hand of $3,000 in times of hardship like these?" the Archbishop of Liverpool asked the St. Vincent de Paul Society when he addressed them recently.

—Maryknoll has been entrusted by the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda with a parish in the city of Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands. The appointed pastor will leave for the island January 29.

—The evident prejudice shown by Franklin Ford, announcer of radio station WHAP at New York, has caused him to be barred by jodicial order from jury service. In recent talks he expressed prejudice against Catholics and Jews.

—The Boy Scouts will shortly be established in Dublin.

—Miss Helen N. Cane, daughter of the distinguished writer, entered the novitiate of the Poor Clares at Oakland, Calif.

—The poor of a small village in Ireland are benefiting by the will of an emigrant, who died in Connecticut.

Mexican Catholics Repulse Soldiers To Protect Priest

Cordoba, Mexico.—The Secretary of Gobernacion ordered Father Francisco de P. Davalos of this city, which is in the State of Vera Cruz, arrested but no reason was given for the act. When soldiers came to take him, the people were so incensed that, after taking the priest, they drove them away.

The Secretary of War has ordered an investigation, so that the person hiding Father Davalos may be punished.

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CARDINAL HAYES GIVES AID TO CHARITY. His Eminence recently presided at a regional conference of the Catholic Near East Relief Association to plan its work in the City and the State of New York. In the picture (sitting, left to right) are: Msgr. M. R. Spillane, Lakewood, N. J.; Rev. P. A. Garand, Ogdensburg; Cardinal Hayes, Msgr. J. H. Driscoll, Plattsburgh; Rev. Dr. Edmund A. Walsh, S. J., president of the Association, and (standing) Rev. E. J. Ferger, Buffalo; Rev. Chas. H. Shay, Rochester; Very Rev. Father Francis, Garrison; Rev. John J. McCreary, Syracuse; Rev. Wm. M. Dwyer, Clinton; Rev. B. E. Gefell and Rev. Alexis L. Hopkins, Syracuse and Jos. M. Moore. (International Newsreel)

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